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SUBJ: GATT MEAT MEETINGS IN GENEVA

1. AUSTRALIA'S DELEGATES TO GATT MEAT CONSULTATIVE GROUP MEETING IN GENEVA ON JUNE 11-13 AND THE MTN SESSIONS FOR MEAT STARTING ON JUNE 16 HAVE APPROACHED US REGARDING U.S. POSITION FOR THESE TWO MEETINGS. AUSTRALIA'S REPRESENTATIVES TO THE MEETING WILL BE G.L.V. HOOTON, DEPARTMENT OF OVERSEAS TRADE AND J.R. SMITH, DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

2. HOOTON AND SMITH SEE NO PROBLEM WITH PROGRAM FOR GATT MEAT CONSULTATIVE GROUP MEETINGS AS THEY FEEL GROUND WORK ESTABLISHED DURING WASHINGTON MEETING LAST OCTOBER. THEY ARE GROPING FOR A LIST OF REALISTIC ISSUES THAT CAN BE TABLED AT THE MTN FOR MEAT STARTING ON MONDAY. AUSTRALIA PLANS TO CENTER ITS ATTACK AROUND REDUCING TARIFF AND NON-TARIFF BARRIERS, INCLUDING A CALL FOR UNIFORM SANITARY REGULATIONS; HOWEVER,

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THE REAL CRUZ IS WHAT CAN BE NEGOTIATED WITH THE EEC AND JAPAN. THEY CLAIM IT IS NOT REALISTIC TO THINK IN TERMS OF ABOLISHING

THE CAP FOR MEAT, NOR JAPAN'S MARKET STABILIZATION SCHEMES FOR MEAT. HENCE, AUSTRALIA WOULD LIKE TO PRESENT A UNITED APPROACH WITH THE U.S. BY DRAWING UP A JOINT LIST OF ITEMS TO BE NEGOTIATED.

3. HOOTON SUGGESTED WE MIGHT WANT TO KICK IT OFF BY CALLING FOR A STUDY OF THE EFFECTS OF THE CURRENT TARIFF AND NON-TARIFF BARRIERS TO TRADE IN MEAT. HE FELT THIS WOULD HIGHLIGHT THE CURRENT RESTRICTIVE PRACTICES OF THE EEC AND JAPAN. HOWEVER, IN FURTHER DISCUSSIONS IT SEEMED MORE APPROPRIATE TO PURSUE THIS COURSE IN THE GATT MEAT CONSULTATIVE GROUP.

4. ACTION REQUEST: PLEASE SEND ASAP U.S. PROPOSALS MTN FOR MEAT SO THAT WE CAN RELAY THEM TO THE AUSTRALIAN DELEGATES. DELEGATES LEAVE ON FRIDAY JUNE 6 FOR GENEVA.

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